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TAGS: ETRD, SW

SUBJECT: ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE ON TV RECEIVERS

REF: STATE 62736

1. ACCORDING TO THE SWEDISH BOARD OF TRADE, THERE ARE NO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON EITHER IMPORTS OR EXPORTS OF TELEVISION RECEIVERS AND NO PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THEIR EXPORTATION OR IMPORTATION. THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL AGREEMENTS IN EXISTENCE BETWEEN THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY DESIGNED TO RESTRAIN THE TRADE IN TELEVISION RECEIVERS.

2. WHEN IMPORTED INTO SWEDEN FROM THE US OR FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT A DEVELOPING COUNTRY, A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION (EFTA) OR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC), BOTH COLOR AND BLACK AND WHITE TELEVISION RECEIVERS ARE DUTIABLE AT A RATE OF ELEVEN PERCENT AD VALOREM. IMPORTS FROM EFTA ARE DUTY-FREE, AS ARE IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES UNDER THE SPECIAL TARIFF CONCESSIONS SWEDEN HAS GRANTED THOSE COUNTRIES. AT THE PRESENT TIME, A DUTY RATE OF 2.2 PERCENT AD VALOREM IS LEVIED  
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ON IMPORTS FROM THE EC, BUT FOLLOWING THE FINAL TARIFF DISMANTLING STEP, TO TAKE PLACE ON JULY 1, 1977, IMPORTS FROM THE EC WILL ALSO BE DUTY-FREE.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR SALE TO NON-PROFESSIONAL USERS IN SWEDEN (HOUSEHOLD AND COMPARABLE USERS), ALL ELECTRICAL

EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES INTENDED FOR PLUGGING INTO THE PUBLIC POWER NETWORK MUST FIRST BE TESTED AND APPROVED BY THE SWEDISH ELECTRICAL MATERIAL TESTING INSTITUTE (SEMKO). USUALLY, THE TEST SPECIFICATIONS ARE BASED ON INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS AND ARE OFTEN RIGOROUS AND EXACTING. REQUIREMENTS IN SWEDEN ARE SOMETIMES CONSIDERED BY US AND OTHER NON-EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS TO BE A FORM OF NON-TARIFF BARRIER-- A VIEW WHICH THE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT RIGID STANDARDS ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE USER IN VIEW OF THE HIGH-VOLTAGE CURRENT IN SWEDEN (NOMINAL VOLTAGE IS 220X380.)

4. MORE DETAILED DATA ON COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BREAKDOWN BEING FORWARDED BY INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL.

5. SWEDISH IMPORTS OF TELEVISION RECEIVERS IN 1974, 1975, AND 1976.

	1974	1975	1976
COLOR			
NO. OF SETS	187,021	196,426	273,573
1,000 SKR.	366,571	369,204	520,021

	1974	1975	1976
BLACK AND WHITE			
NO. OF SETS	80,204	64,615	70,514
1,000 SKR.	39,481	31,734	32,206

SOURCE: SWEDISH CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

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